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Fire captain, Hilo native named PTA's Employee of the Quarter

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA, Hawaii – Hilo native and Pōhakuloa Training Area fire captain Calvin Mateo was recently honored as employee of the quarter for his outstanding contributions, here.

Mateo made many contributions at PTA by leading and directing emergency response incidents and safeguarding emergency responders under his control. He has personally assisted with improving the living conditions and morale of firefighters assigned to the installation.

"Calvin has such a positive demeanor; everyone is happier when he is around," said John Vierra, assistant fire chief of operations and Mateo's supervisor.

Mateo has also responded to numerous fires and accidents outside of PTA through a mutual agreement with the Hawaii Fire Department.

"Calvin truly is one of the very best. He is looked up to by not just the firemen, but everyone who works at PTA because of his work ethic, attitude and humbleness," said Lt. Col. Eric Shwedo, commander, PTA.

Mateo has been part of the PTA family for nearly 20 years and continues to contribute to his ever-changing career field.